



NEWS RELEASE

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Lake Jackson, Texas

**City of Lake Jackson
Tropical Storm Harvey/Brazos River Flood
Weather Update
Sept. 1, 2017 - 5 p.m.**

As you know the city called a mandatory evacuation for the Jackson Oaks and Jackson Oaks Estates subdivisions this morning. As the water moves farther east we may call further evacuations for streets located east of these subdivisions. Jackson Oaks is located on the north side of Bayou Road north of Lake Jackson.

The long, slow crest of the river is beginning to move through our area. The river forecast is for the river to stay above major flood stage for the next 5 days or more (the river forecast only goes out 5 days). So, if you have flood water in your neighborhood now, it will stay in your neighborhood until levels drop below flood stage.

At noon the level on Oyster Creek at FM 2004 has river up to 17.80. As we have mentioned before the peak of the 2016 flood was 17.50. The peak in 1992 was 19.77.

Bastrop Bayou dropped from 20 feet at SH288 yesterday to 19.80 feet today. The bayou at Old Angleton Road went from 15.00 yesterday to 15.25 today. We are hoping the levels will start dropping sooner than later. But, if historical records are any indication, Oyster Creek will not reach its peak for another 2 to 3 days.

For those with homes in evacuation areas, we are receiving the help of our National Guard and Military Police who will be at the entrances to these areas to help provide security.

Please do not be offended if you are asked to show your ID.

We are trying to keep "looky Lou's" out of these areas, causing wakes. In fact we have issued an emergency regulation related to people causing wakes that could damage residents' property.

We still have a long way to go with this flood. People's patience is being tested severely, but we all simply need to put our head down and get through this together.

